

# GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS' GUIDE



**IDAHO VOTES!  
EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

REGISTRATION, VOTING AND  
ELECTION INFORMATION FOR THE IDAHO CITIZEN

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# **A Letter from the Secretary of State**

Participation in the electoral process gives each of us an important voice in charting the direction of our government. Voting is a precondition for good government and therefore a major responsibility of good citizenship.

Historically, Idaho people have taken their voting franchise seriously. The strength and future of our system dictates that we continue to do so.

As Chief Election Officer of Idaho, I urge every qualified elector to study the issues and the candidates.

From an informed standpoint we may then cast our ballots for the good of our state and our nation. I sincerely hope the information contained here will help Idaho Citizens to register and VOTE.



Ben Ysursa,  
Secretary of State

## **ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2004**

Oct 8 Last day for elector to pre-register for the General Election

Oct 27 Last day for County Clerk to receive a mail-in application for an absentee ballot.

Nov 1 In person voting at the absentee polling place ends at 5:00 p.m.

Nov 2 Last day to return absentee ballots to the County Clerk by 8:00 p.m.

Nov 2 General Election - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Nov 3 Registration reopens

## **OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION**

President of the United States

United States Senator

United States Representatives Districts 1 and 2

All Legislative Seats

County Commissioners - Districts 2 and 3

County Sheriff

County Prosecuting Attorney

(In some instances there may be other county officials up for election due to interim appointments to vacancies that may have occurred in the office.)

## **VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

- A Citizen of the United States;
- 18 years of age, or older;
- A resident in the state and in the county for thirty (30) days prior to Election Day.
- Registered as required by law.

## **REGISTRATION**

1. With your County Clerk or official registrar up until 25 days (Oct. 8) preceding any election. Voters are required to provide their driver's license number when registering, or if they do not have a driver's license, provide the last four digits of their social security number.
2. Any elector may register by mail for any election if postmarked not later than 25 days (Oct. 8) prior to an election.
3. Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which he/she maintains residence and:
  - A. By completing a registration card.
  - B. Making an oath in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
  - C. Providing any document which contains a valid address in the precinct.
  - D. Providing a photo ID card.

## **RE-REGISTRATION**

Re-registration is required if registration is canceled for the following reasons:

1. The voter failed to vote at least once at any primary or general election during the four years following registration.
2. An elector changes his residence to another residence.
3. An elector has a name change.

## **WHERE TO VOTE**

A polling place is selected for each election precinct by the Board of County Commissioners. Election notices are published in local newspapers naming the polling place for each election precinct, the date of election, and the hours during which the polls will be open. County Clerks also have this information. Every effort has been made to provide voters with disabilities with polling place accessibility, or when requested, absentee ballots.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

Any registered voter may apply in writing to the County Clerk to receive an absentee ballot. The application must give the name of the elector, residence address in Idaho, and mailing address to which the ballot is to be forwarded. The mail-in application shall be signed personally by the applicant and be received by the County Clerk no later than the sixth day before the election (Oct. 27).

In person voting at the absentee elector's polling place ends at 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election (Nov. 1).

The County Clerk must receive the absentee ballot not later than 8 p.m. the day of the election (Nov. 2) in order to be counted.

## VOTER INFORMATION

For further information in regard to election procedures, contact your County Clerk or the Secretary of State. Your county clerk may be contacted at the county seat, as listed below:

<b>County</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>County Seat</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Voting System Used</b>
Ada	287-6860	Boise	83702	Punch Card
Adams	253-4561	Council	83612	Paper
Bannock	236-7334	Pocatello	83205	Oval Optical Scan
Bear Lake	945-2212	Paris	83261	Paper
Benewah	245-3212	St Maries	83861	Paper
Bingham	785-8040	Blackfoot	83221	Punch Card
Blaine	788-5505	Hailey	83333	Punch Card
Boise	392-4431	Idaho City	83631	Paper
Bonner	265-1432	Sandpoint	83864	Oval Optical Scan
Bonneville	529-1350	Idaho Falls	83402	Punch Card
Boundary	267-2242	Bonnors Ferry	83805	Paper
Butte	527-3021	Arco	83213	Paper
Camas	764-2242	Fairfield	83327	Paper
Canyon	454-7562	Caldwell	83605	Punch Card
Caribou	547-4324	Soda Springs	83276	Paper
Cassia	878-4367	Burley	83318	Punch Card
Clark	374-5304	Dubois	83423	Paper
Clearwater	476-5615	Orofino	83544	Punch Card
Custer	879-2360	Challis	83226	Paper
Elmore	587-2131	Mountain Home	83647	Oval Optical Scan
Franklin	852-1090	Preston	83263	Punch Card
Fremont	624-7332	St Anthony	83445	Oval Optical Scan
Gem	365-4561	Emmett	83617	Oval Optical Scan
Gooding	934-4841	Gooding	83330	Oval Optical Scan
Idaho	983-2751	Grangeville	83530	Paper
Jefferson	745-7756	Rigby	83442	Punch Card
Jerome	324-8811	Jerome	83338	Arrow Optical Scan
Kootenai	446-1030	Coeur d'Alene	83816	Oval Optical Scan
Latah	882-8580	Moscow	83843	Punch Card
Lemhi	756-2815	Salmon	83467	Arrow Optical Scan
Lewis	937-2661	Nez Perce	83543	Paper
Lincoln	886-7641	Shoshone	83352	Paper
Madison	356-3662	Rexburg	83440	Oval Optical Scan
Minidoka	436-9511	Rupert	83350	Punch Card
Nez Perce	799-3020	Lewiston	83501	Punch Card
Oneida	766-4116	Malad	83252	Arrow Optical Scan
Owyhee	495-2421	Murphy	83650	Paper
Payette	642-6000	Payette	83661	Punch Card
Power	226-7611	American Falls	83211	Arrow Optical Scan
Shoshone	752-1264	Wallace	83873	Punch Card
Teton	354-2905	Driggs	83422	Paper
Twin Falls	736-4004	Twin Falls	83303	Arrow Optical Scan
Valley	382-7100	Cascade	83611	Oval Optical Scan
Washington	414-2092	Weiser	83672	Paper

\*Specific voting instructions for each voting system are on the following pages.

## PAPER VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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Use **only the pencil provided** to mark your ballot.

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To vote you must make an X in the box.

John Johnson

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Mary Marks

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Bill Brown

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To write in a name, you must make an X in the box and write in the name of a valid write-in candidate on the line provided.

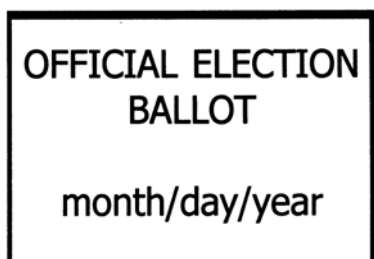
(write-in) Carey Carpenter

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**You cannot vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and write in a candidate under the same office title. This is an overvote and neither vote will count.**

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Fold the voted ballot(s) so that the official stamp is visible and the face of the ballot is completely enclosed.



Return the voted ballot(s) to the Ballot Receiving Clerk.

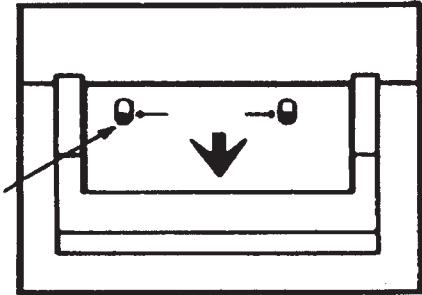
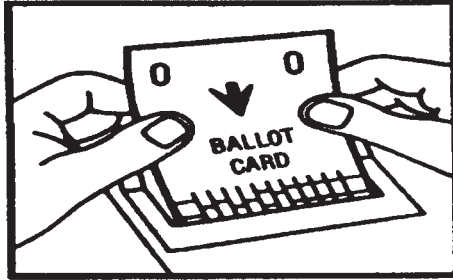
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If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, another ballot can be issued by returning the spoiled one to the Election Clerk.

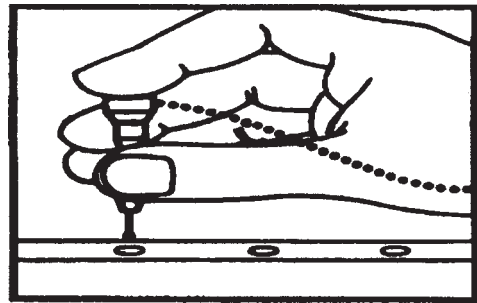
## PUNCHCARD VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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**Step 1.** Using **both hands**, insert the ballot card all the way into the voting unit. Be sure the two slots in the top stub of your ballot card fit down **over the two red pins**.



**Step 2.** Using the Official Ballot pages, find the voting number for your choice and punch that same number in the voting unit. Hold the punch device straight up and down when punching. **Do not use a pen or pencil on voting unit.**

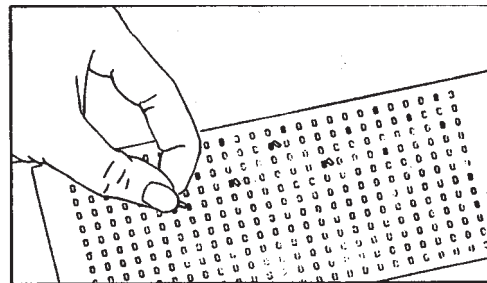


**Step 3.** To write in a name, you must write in the name of a valid write-in candidate and the office on the gray ballot envelope.

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**Step 4.** After voting, withdraw the ballot card. Inspect it to be sure all holes are cleanly and completely punched out. **Remove any loose chads as illustrated.**



**Step 5.** Insert ballot card into gray ballot envelope and return to the Receiving Clerk. If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, another ballot can be issued by returning the spoiled one to the Election Clerk.



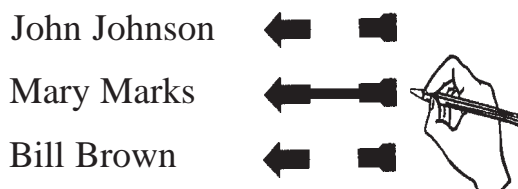
## ARROW OPTICAL SCAN VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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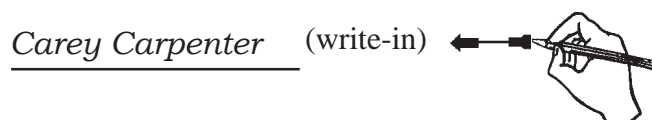
Use **only the black marking pen provided** to mark your ballot.

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To vote you must complete the arrow.



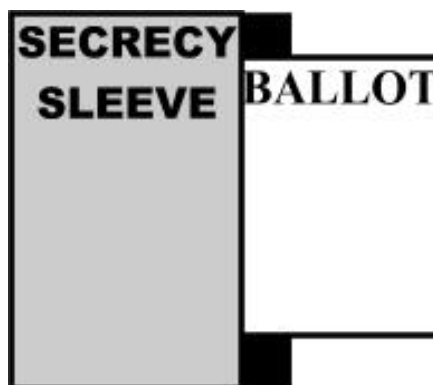
To write in a name, you must complete the arrow and write in the name of a valid write-in candidate on the line provided.



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Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve.



Return the ballot, in the secrecy sleeve, to the Ballot Receiving Clerk.

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**Do not attempt to erase or cross out a vote.**

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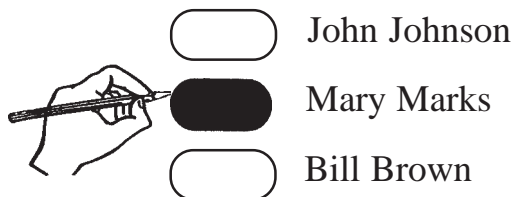
## OVAL OPTICAL SCAN VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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Use **only the pencil provided** to mark your ballot.

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To vote you must blacken the oval **completely!**



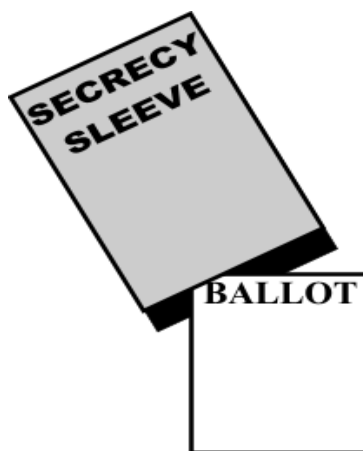
To write in a name, you must blacken the oval and write in the name of a valid write-in candidate on the line provided.



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